

ABSTRACT

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Diller Farm

Leitersburg Vicinity

private

late 18th and early to mid 19th centuries

The house on this farm is worthy of note because it displays at least three periods of construction and three distinct construction materials. Employing log, stone and brick, the earliest parts of this house may date from the late eighteenth century. Also on the property is a stone end brick barn as well as a private cemetery which is enclosed with a stone wall.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Diller Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Leitersburg-State Line Road at Antietam Creek				
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both				Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
Comments _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Ivan H. Diller				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 5				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		21740
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 306/239				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical trust survey # 3074				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		21404

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located just west of the Antietam Creek and the Leitersburg-State Line Road about one half mile north of Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It stands on a rise of ground and faces east.

The structure consists of at least three parts, displaying log and stone and brick construction. The northern portion of the house is three bays in length and two and a half stories high. Limestone foundations, a full story in height at the front elevation carry brick walls which display Flemish bonding at the east and north elevations. Attached to the south end of the brick section is a four bay, two and one half story wooden structure sheathed with siding. It, too, rests on limestone foundations which are high at the front elevation. Log walls may be present beneath the sheathing. Extending to the rear of the wooden section is an ell of wood and stone. The wooden portion of the ell is of log construction at the first story with frame completing the second story. The ell terminates with a small two story stone section.

Nine over six pane double hung sash windows are present at the main story, while six over six pane windows are used at the ground and upper stories. The stone and log portions of the house have wide wooden window frames joined with wooden pegs and trimmed with quarter round molding. The brick section displays narrow rounded window frames, flanked with pairs of three panel shutters at the main story and louvered shutters at the upper level.

Entrances are present at the front and rear elevations of both sections. A double porch extends along the entire front wall, sheltering the ground and main stories.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls.

Immediately in front of the dwelling is a wooden outbuilding or kitchen sheathed with German siding. West of the house is a large stone end bank barn, and secondary buildings related to agricultural use. All of the buildings appear to be in excellent condition. A short distance north of the buildings is a small private cemetery enclosed with a stone wall.

The property contains 121 acres.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Cemetery provides</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>information about</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>early residents of</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>the area.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant primarily for its architecture. The cemetery on the property is also important for religious, social and humanitarian concerns as well as for the information it provides about early residents in the area.

Constructed in parts, the house would appear to represent at least three periods of vernacular building in Washington County. Its earliest sections could date from the late 18th century. Employing log, stone and brick, the house also displays the three major building materials used in the area during the 18th and 19th centuries.

According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, and Washington County Land Records, at least part of this property was in the Zeigler family for much of the 19th century. A deed dated May 27, 1826 (Liber HH, Folio 1187) records a land transaction of 35 acres from Felix Beck to ten members of the Zeigler family. Bell, writing in 1908, states that the house in which Zeigler lived "still stands".¹ According to deed records, Beck purchased 35 acres, part of "Poe's Part of Well Taught" from Jacob Leichter on May 11, 1799, for slightly more than \$526. In 1762 Jacob Leiter purchased 362 acres of "Poe's Part of Well Taught" from George Poe. Leiter subsequently increased his holdings to over 1200 acres.²

The cemetery is mentioned in several deeds. The burial ground containing approximately 6,660 square feet was sold separately from the remaining portion of the farm in a deed from David Strite who owned the entire property, to Levi Z. Leiter, dated August 30, 1895.

¹ Herbert C. Bell, History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author, (1908) p. 261.

² Ibid. 31.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author, 1908.

Washington County Land Records.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **121 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

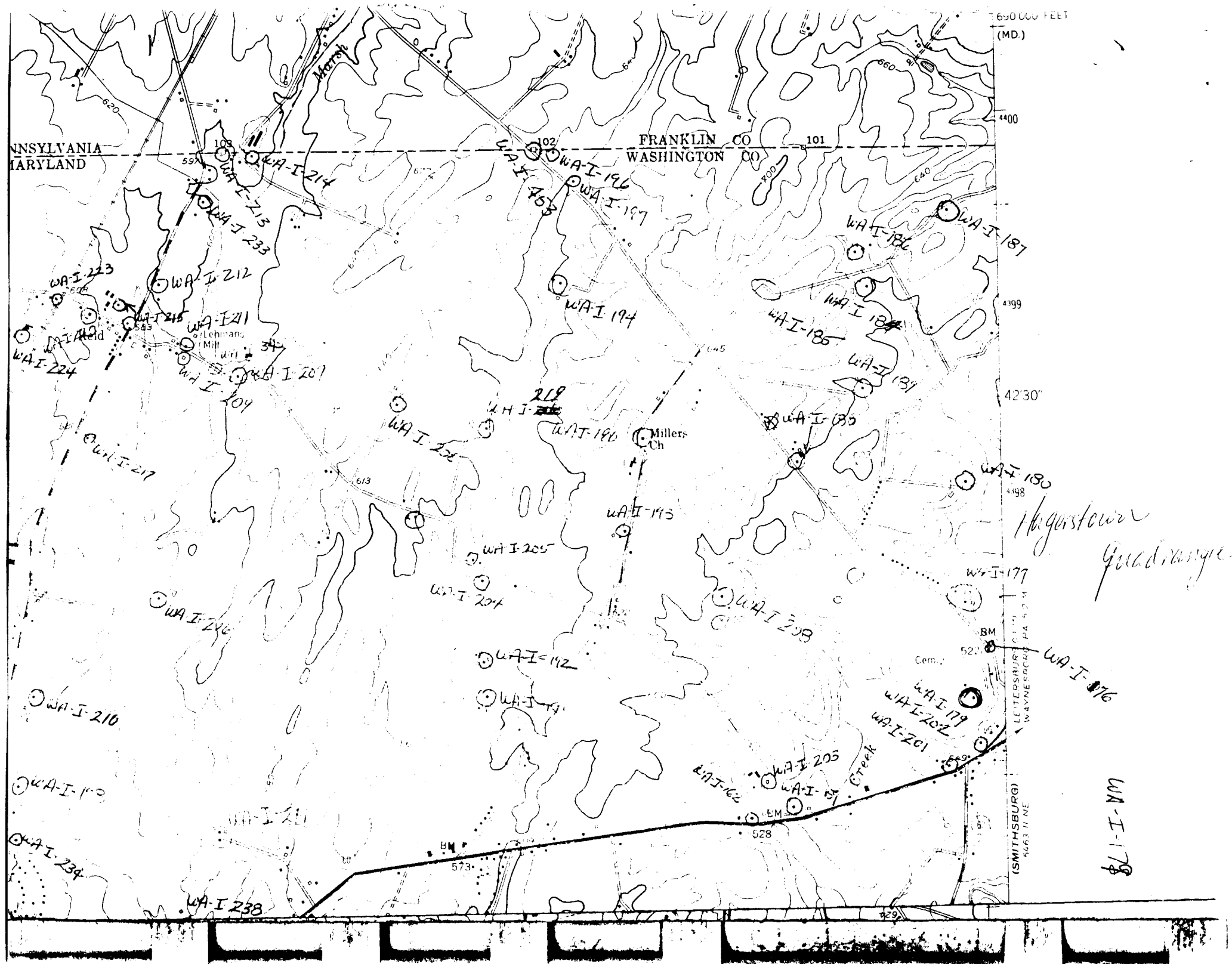
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Land Records.	DATE November 1975
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____





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